



## **EXPERIENCE 74 OF THE ISLANDS OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF ALL IN THE ONE PLACE**

Few natural wonders command such attention as the Great Barrier Reef, the world's greatest coral reef system. It is a spectacle so vast it can be seen from the moon. Lying along the Queensland coast, and dotted with hundreds of tropical islands, the Great Barrier Reef island experience is one that will remain unforgettable. And in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, lie the 74 magnificent islands of the Whitsundays waiting to be discovered.

Named by Cook in 1770, the Whitsundays is the largest group of offshore islands in Australia. The region's sparkling azure seas, cradled by the Great Barrier Reef, are dotted with an array of national park islands, coral cays, fringing coral reefs and stunning beaches. For a truly memorable visit to the Islands of the Great Barrier Reef the Whitsundays has it all, a veritable feast of indulgent experiences all within short distance of each other and the Great Barrier Reef.

By far the majority of the Whitsunday Islands are designated national park, leaving them uninhabited and in their purest natural state for all to enjoy. Of the 74, seven islands have resorts offering a range of accommodation and attractions.

The island resorts provide a stunning location from which to enjoy the region, and there are countless 'must do' island and reef experiences in the Whitsundays. Just some include:

**WHITSUNDAY ISLAND** - The largest in the Whitsunday group, Whitsunday Island is home to world famous Whitehaven Beach. Pure, white, silica sand glistens along this 7km stretch of stunning beach, the jewel in the region's crown.

**GREAT BARRIER REEF** – The Whitsundays is the ideal hub from which to enjoy all that the reef has to offer. From diving and snorkeling, to a scenic flight, to sailing, you can enjoy the Great Barrier Reef and Whitsunday islands from above, below and in between.

**HEART REEF** - The Whitsundays is quite literally situated in the "Heart of the Great Barrier Reef". Heart Reef is a beautiful composition of coral that has naturally formed into the shape of a heart. Located within Hardy Reef, Heart Reef can best be experienced from the air.

**SAILING** – The Great Barrier Reef and Whitsunday islands offer natural protection from the open ocean, making the waters of the Whitsundays some of the best sailing grounds in the world. A sailor's paradise, there are endless secluded coves and anchorages, fringing reefs and isolated beaches to enjoy.

No matter what experience you desire from the islands of the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays has it all. With 74 tropical islands all in the one region, the Whitsunday islands are truly the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

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